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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. BONN PREPARES FOR BREZHNEV' S VISIT

EMBASSY BONN REPORTS THREE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT. TWO OTHERS ARE SNAGGED ON BERLIN CLAUSES AND THIS HAS CAUSED BITTERNESS ON BOTH SIDES. BRANDT IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON FRG- GDR RELATIONS, EAST- WEST NEGOTIATIONS, TRADE RELATIONS AND OTHER BILATERAL PROBLEMS; THE SOVIETS TO SEEK INCREASED TRADE AND LONG- TERM CREDITS. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT THE VISIT MAY BE LONG ON ATMOSPHERE AND SHORT ON CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 7046, 5/16.

2. MBFR: SOVIETS REQUEST AGENDA DISCUSSION DELAY

IN A SESSION WITH THE US AND DUTCH REPRESENTATIVES MAY 16, SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE KHLESTOV PROPOSED AGENDA
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DISCUSSIONS BEGIN MAY 21 INSTEAD OF MAY 18. HE ALSO

SUGGESTED THAT THEY BE CONDUCTED AT LEAST IN PART IN
PLENARY SESSION, RATHER THAN BY AN INFORMAL WORKING
GROUP, TO SATISFY THE DESIRE OF THE ROMANIANS,
HUNGARIANS AND BULGARIANS TO PARTICIPATE. OUR DELEGATION
COMMENTS IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL IF THE SOVIETS
ARE TRYING TO DELAY THE TALKS. (SECRET) VIENNA 4101,
5/16.

3. GISCARD D'ESTAING ON CURRENT MONETARY UNREST

EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THAT IN A SPEECH MAY 16, FRENCH
FINANCE MINISTER VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING SAID THAT
THE PROBLEM OF STABILIZING THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY
SYSTEM IS ONE OF CONVERTIBILITY RATHER THAN PARITIES.
HE PREDICTED A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF THE US PAY-
MENTS DEFICIT BY 1974 WHICH WILL FUNDAMENTALLY
MODIFY THE CLIMATE FOR MONETARY REFORM DISCUSSIONS.
(UNCLASSIFIED) PARIS 13534, 9/16.

4. CAMBODIAN MILITARY SITUATION

THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY
ON THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG RIVER ACROSS FROM
KAMPONG CHAM. THE ENEMY IS CONTINUING TO PRESS HIS
ATTACKS ALONG ROUTE 3. FANK UNITS HAVE CONTINUED TO
EXPAND THEIR PERIMETER AT TAKEO TO THE WEST. FINALLY
THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CAMBODIAN OPERATION TO CLEAR
ROUTE 5 WILL BEGIN SOON, PROBABLY SHORTLY AFTER 17 MAY.
(SECRET) CAMBODIAN DAMSREP OF 16 MAY. RUSH

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